



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**REGION IX**

**75 Hawthorne Street**

**San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

March 2, 2010

John Williams, #V-34099  
CSP – Kern Valley, B4-116  
P.O. Box 6000  
Delano, CA 93216

Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 2009 to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 office in San Francisco. EPA does not maintain the detailed information you requested in this letter.

Your letter appears to be a follow-up to an earlier letter dated December 28, 2009 that I sent to you in response to another information request. In that letter, I indicated that the EPA maintains minimal, summary compliance information on Kern Valley State Prison as it does for the over three thousand public water systems in California:

- PWS ID# CA1510802 Kern Valley State Prison
- 2 wells exceed the arsenic standard
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued Compliance Order #0912002 on 12/12/2008.
- Quarterly public notice and monitoring are required.
- A treatment project has been proposed; a funding source has not yet been identified.

The information provided above in the "bulleted" list is what I provided you in my December 28, 2009 letter and is the extent of the information maintained by EPA. It is indeed minimal and in summary form. Again, EPA does not maintain the detailed information you requested in your January 8, 2010 letter.

As I have indicated previously, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) receives federal funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement the public water supply supervision (PWSS) program in California and has primary enforcement authority for violations of the state's implementing regulations for the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EPA primarily has an oversight role.

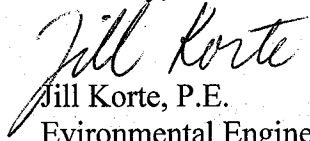
Because CDPH is the primacy agency for the PWSS program in California, CDPH maintains the types of records and documents with the level of detail that you are requesting. As I have stated in previous correspondence, your information requests should be directed to

CDPH. (Please understand when you make requests of CDPH, that CDPH staff have many competing public health priorities, are working reduced hours due to mandated furlough days, and there are staffing shortfalls as some staff vacancies are not being filled at this time due to budgetary concerns.) Correspondence to CDPH should be sent to the District 12 office at the following address:

California Department of Public Health  
Drinking Water Program  
265 West Bullard Avenue, Suite 101  
Fresno, CA 93704

Again, thank you for your letters and your concern about the drinking water supply at KVSP. Both CDPH and EPA are committed to ensuring the safety of public drinking water supplies in all of California. In accordance, CDPH has placed KVSP under a compliance order relative to its violation of state drinking water standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Korte".

Jill Korte, P.E.  
Environmental Engineer  
CA PWSS Project Officer

cc: Tricia Wathen, District 12 Engineer, CDPH